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Office Action Summary

Application No.

10/595,471

Applicant(s)

BENSCHOP ET AL.

Examiner

HELENE BOR

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 February 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 21 April 2006 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-8508)
- Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____

- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
- Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 02/21/2008 has been entered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.
3. The rejection of Claims 1-2 & 4-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Suzuki (US Patent Application No. 2003/0123603 A1) is hereby is maintained.

Claim 14: Suzuki teaches wherein the scheduler module supports an editing mode in which an operator can edit [change] the autonomously ordered selection of operational items (Page 6, Para 0070.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.
5. The rejection of Claims 9, 3, 8 & 12-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Suzuki (US Patent No. 2003/0123603 A1) as applied to claim

1-2 & 4-7 above, and further in view of Banks et al. (US Patent No. 6,603,494 B1) is hereby maintained.

Response to Arguments

6. Applicant's arguments, see Page 3 filed 02/21/2008, with respect to the U.S.C. § 112 rejection have been fully considered and are persuasive. The U.S.C. § 112 rejection of Claim 7 has been withdrawn.

7. Applicant's arguments filed 02/21/2008 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. The Applicant presented the argument that Suzuki fails to teach the automated optimizing of the ordering of the operations based on parameter settings. The Examiner respectfully disagrees. Suzuki states that "the optimum scan type and reconstruction method are set automatically" based on minimum operator inputs [parameter settings](Page 8, Para 0084-0085). The system of Suzuki allows the operator to make changes to the schedule table and operational items (Page 6, Para 0069-0070). The Examiner contends that the claim language is still broad enough for a reasonable interpretation of Suzuki as anticipating the claims. The Examiner asserts that the word "ordering" does not necessarily mean to sort but as the American Heritage Dictionary states, "v. **or-der-ing** ~ To issue a command or instruction to.¹" The scheduler can be reasonable interpreted as instructing the system for the operational items based on the parameter settings instead of sorting as the Applicant appears to

¹ order. Dictionary.com. *The American Heritage® Dictionary of the English Language, Fourth Edition*. Houghton Mifflin Company, 2004. <http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/order> (accessed: May 11, 2008).

imply. The U.S.C. § 102 and U.S.C. §103(a) rejection of claims 1-14 is hereby maintained.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to HELENE BOR whose telephone number is (571)272-2947. The examiner can normally be reached on M-T 8:30am-6:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Brian Casler can be reached on 571-272-4956. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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